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OFFICERS.

PASTOR.

REV. H. D. LOWING.

DEACONS.

ISAAC SMITH,
OLIVER P. BURT. Jun.

CLERK,

JAMES M. BROWN.

TREASURER,

JAIRUS BURT.

CONSTITUTION.

ADOPTED DECEMBER 10, 1858.

ARTICLE 1.—This Church, heretofore known as the Congregational Church of Cold Spring, shall be known as the First Congregational Church of Napoli.

ARTICLE 2.—This Church shall be an Independent Congregational Church, and in matters of doctrine, order and discipline, is amenable to no other organization, but will extend to other Evangelical Churches and receive from them that fellowship, advice and assistance, which the laws of Christ require.

ARTICLE 3.—The officers of this Church shall be a Pastor, two Deacons, a Clerk and Treasurer.

ARTICLE 4.—Special meetings of the Church may be called by the Pastor or Deacons or by any five male members, by giving public notice on the Sabbath previous to the convening of such meeting.

ARTICLE 5.—The annual meetings of this Church shall be held on the last Friday in December, in each year, at which all the officers to be chosen, shall be elected by ballot, without nomination; and all elections shall be

determined by a majority of all the members present, and voting. All meetings shall be opened with prayer.

ARTICLE 6.—The Deacons shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and ordained. By vote of the Church, Deacons may be elected at any annual meeting of the Church. The Clerk and Treasurer shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are elected. Vacancies may be filled at any regular meeting of the Church.

ARTICLE 7.—The observance of the Lord's Supper shall take place on the first Sabbaths of January, April, July and October in each year, at which all persons in good and regular standing in any Evangelical Church shall be invited to participate—excepting a slave-holder, or any one not openly acknowledging the sinfulness of slavery, or any persons who deal in, or use intoxicating liquors as a beverage—nor shall any such person or persons as excepted above be received or continued members of this Church. Nor shall any Minister known to hold slaves or to justify slavery, be admitted to our pulpit.

ARTICLE 8.—All applicants for Church membership shall be examined as to their religious views and evidences of Christian character, by a Committee, consisting of the Pastor and Deacons, or by the Church. Those examined and approved by the Committee, shall be propounded to the Church and congregation, at least one week before the communion, and they shall become members by a vote of the Church, and by giving public assent to the Articles of Faith and Covenant. Members in good standing may obtain letters of dismission by vote of the Church, at any public meeting, or on the Sabbath. Such letters are to be signed by the Clerk or Pastor.

ARTICLE 9.—The duty of the stated Clerk shall be to record the doings of the business meetings of the Church, and to keep the form of the Articles of Faith and Covenant, form of Admission, Rules, &c., recorded in a book. Also, a Chronological list of its members, with the time

of admission, dismission, death, &c., as nearly as can be ascertained, and to present a report of the state of the Church at the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Church under its direction, and make a full report at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE 10.—The Pastor shall preside at the meetings of the Church, and shall have a casting vote. In his absence the oldest Deacon shall preside; but by vote of the Church, another minister or any member of the Church may preside, but such minister shall not vote.

ARTICLE 11.—The Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church, and the Assembly's shorter Catechism shall be taken as an embodiment of the substance of doctrine as held by this Church; but all persons admitted to this Church shall publicly assent to the Articles of Faith appended to this Constitution.

ARTICLE 12.—This Constitution or the Articles of Faith, may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the Church present, at any annual meeting, or at any meeting called for that purpose, notice thereof and notice of the amendment having been given at two public services on the preceding Sabbaths.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1.—We believe in one God, the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, existing in a divine and incomprehensible Trinity—the Father, the Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost, and possessing all divine perfections.

ARTICLE 2.—We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be inspired of God: to contain a

revelation of His will, and to be the authoratative ruler of faith and practice.

ARTICLE 3.—We believe in the fall of our first parents, and the consequent entire apostacy, depravity and lost condition of the human race.

ARTICLE 4.—We believe that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to die for it. That Christ appeared in the flesh—that He set forth a perfect example of obedience, that He purely taught the truths needful for our salvation—that He suffered in our stead, the just for the unjust, that He died to atone for our sins and to purify us therefrom. and that He arose from the dead and ascended into Heaven, where He ever liveth to make intercession for us.

ARTICLE 5.—We believe that God offers full forgiveness and everlasting life to all who will heartily repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, while those who do not believe but persevere in sin shall finally perish.

ARTICLE 6.—We believe in the divine appointment of the Christian Sabbath, and of the Ordinances of Baptism, and of the Lord's Supper, which Christians are under solemn obligation duly to observe.

ARTICLE 7.—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, in a final and general judgment, upon the awards of which the wicked shall go into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into life eternal.

COVENANT.

Do you now avouch the Lord Jehovah to be your God; Jesus Christ to be your Saviour; The Holy Spirit to be your Sanctifier? Do you, now without reserve, give yourself away in a covenant, never to be revoked—to be His willing servant forever—to receive His word as the rule of your life; and by His Grace assisting you, will you persevere in this consecration to the end?

COVENANT WITH THE CHURCH.

Do you solemnly covenant and agree to study the peace, purity and liberty of this Church; to love and watch over its members as your brethren; to receive from them all needful care and admonition? Will you labor together with us in the maintenance of its public worship and ordinances—submit to necessary discipline, and avoid all causes of scandal and offense so long as in the Providence of God you shall continue among us?

[THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH HERE RISE.]

We, then, the members of this Church, do joyfully and cordially receive you to our number. We promise to bear with you, to love, to edify, and by all means in our power to advance you in the divine life.—AMEN.

PASTORS.

Rev. JOHN SPENCER, (o s).....	from 1821 to 1823
Rev. IRA DUNNING, (s s).....	from 1823 to 1824
* * * * *	Pastor,.....
Rev. WM. J. WILCOX, (p).....	from 1826 to 1830
Rev. SYLVESTER COWLES, (s s).....	from 1831 to 1835
Rev. S. G. ORTON, (e).....	1833
Rev. JUSTIN MARSH, (s s).....	from 1835 to 1837
Rev. WILLIAM WAITH, (s s).....	from 1837 to 1840
Rev. WM. J. WILCOX, (s s).....	from 1840 to 1841
Rev. JOHN INGLES, (s s).....	from 1841 to 1842
Rev. A. D. OLDS, (s s).....	from 1842 to 1844
Rev. WM. GOODELL, (s s).....	from 1844 to 1845
Rev. H. A. TAYLOR, (s s).....	from 1846 to 1850
Rev. JOHN SCOTT, (s s).....	from 1851 to 1852
Rev. C. H. BALDWIN, (s s).....	from 1852 to 1854
Rev. H. D. LOWING, (s s).....	from 1856 to
Rev. S. G. ORTON, (e).....	1859

(o s) Occasional Supply.

(s s) Stated Supply

(e) Evangelist.

(p) Pastor.

DEACONS.

ARTEMUS HOUGHTON,.....	elected 1821
SERGEANT MORRELL,.....	elected 1821
ELIJAH BOARDMAN,.....	elected 1824
TIMOTHY EVERET,.....	elected 1826
SANDS BOUGHTON,.....	elected 1826
OLIVER P. BURT,.....	elected 1832
LANSING P. WILCOX,.....	elected 1845
JOEL BASSETT,.....	elected 1848
HARVEY JANES,.....	elected 1855
ISAAC SMITH,.....	ordained 1859
OLIVER P. BURT, Jun.,.....	ordained 1859

MEMBERS

AT THE TIME OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH.

DEA. SERGEANT MORRELL,

DEA. ARTEMUS HOUGHTON.

TIMOTHY BUTLER,
WILLIAM FOY,
PHINEAS F. NOBLE,
NATHAN BENNETT,
HARLOW BUTLER.CLARISSA BUTLER,
RUTH FOY,
ALMA NOBLE,
BETSEY BENNETT,
BETSEY MOREN.

PETER BEARDSLEY.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.

Males.	United.	Males.	United.
PETER BEARDSLEY,...	1821	ALBERT W. ROBERTS,...	1849
PHINEAS F. NOBLE,...	1821	JAIRUS BURT,.....	1851
ROSWELL ROBERTS,...	1827	MYRON NEWEL,.....	1851
STEPHEN GLADDEN,...	1828	HENRY D. LOWING,....	1857
ISAAC SMITH,.....	1828	JAMES M. BROWN,....	1857
OLIVER P. BURT,.....	1831	S. ATWOOD NEWELL....	1858
HORACE HALL,.....	1832	HARMON J. FISHER,....	1858
HARVEY JANES,.....	1832	LYMAN S. BURT,.....	1858
OLIVER P. BURT, Jun.,	1833	ABNER L. ROBERTS,...	1858
JOHN BALD,.....	1836	ALBERT G. WITTEMORE.	1858
WILLIAM WOODWORTH,	1838	MASTEN MORRELL,....	1858
ISAAC NEWTON,.....	1838	ALBERT BRAINARD,....	1858
SILAS BUCK,.....	1840	EBEN SIBLEY,.....	1859
SALMON W. BEARDSLEY,	1844	BRADBURY BALL,.....	1860

Females.	United.	Females.	United.
ALMA NOBLE,.....	1821	ESTHER BUCK,.....	1848
LYDIA HALL,.....	1822	MARY S. GLADDEN,....	1848
REBECCA MERRILL,....	1822	MELISSA E. ROBERTS,..	1849
MARY HALL,.....	1824	SARAH H. SIBLEY,....	1849
SUSAN BURT,.....	1826	NANCY NEWELL,.....	1851
MERCY ROBERTS,.....	1827	ANN E. BEARDSLEY,..	1857
MERCY GLADDEN,....	1827	EMMA T. BURT,.....	1857
MARIAH BEARDSLEY,..	1827	LOIS WITTEMORE.....	1857
ELIZABETH SMITH,....	1828	MARGARET CRAWFOR ,	1857
JULIANA BUSHNELL,..	1830	MIRA B. BURT,.....	1857
LYDIA HALL,.....	1832	NANCY J. LOWING.....	1857
DEMMA JANES,.....	1830	EMILY E. NEWELL,....	1859
SOPRONIA MORRELL,..	1834	HANNAH M. CONGDEN,..	1859
FANNY NOBLE,.....	1834	OPHELIA SLOAN,.....	1859
MARIAH MCCOLLISTER..	1834	MINERVA L. SLOAN,....	1859
SARAH BALL,.....	1836	CYNTHIA BENNETT,....	1859
BETSEY WOODWORTH,..	1838	ANNETTE E. WAIT,....	1860
MARY NEWTON,.....	1838	CARRIE E. CONGDEN...1860	
MARY P. BRAINARD,..	1838	SOPHIA L. WILCOX....	1860
MATILDA CHAMPLIN,..	1842	LOIS A. CLARK,.....	1860
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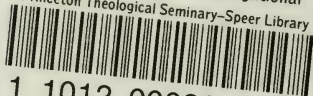
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